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## **Seven Defendants Charged in Drug Conspiracy**

(Norfolk, VA) – Jorge Petter, age 39, of New York; David Lamb, age 44, of Norfolk; Jamais Broadnax, age 28, of Norfolk; Tyrone Saunders, age 28, of Norfolk; Vernon Brooks, age 34, of Chesapeake; David Jones, age 51, of Chesapeake; and Ronald Evans, age 40, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, have been charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine, heroin, and crack, all in violation of federal law. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after the indictment was unsealed yesterday. All of the defendants are currently in law enforcement custody.

According to the indictment, the cocaine and heroin had been smuggled into the ports of Hampton Roads in commercial shipping containers that had come through Panamanian ports. Several of the conspirators are Panamanian and were in the United States illegally. The investigation, led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), resulted in multiple seizures of narcotics totaling more than 150 kilograms of cocaine and 4 lbs. of heroin. Two additional defendants, Martin Delgado and Omar Petter, brother of Jorge Petter, were previously arrested by ICE agents in Norfolk, Virginia. Delgado and Omar Petter have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by ICE, with the assistance of Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Virginia Port Authority Police, the Virginia State Police, and the Virginia Beach Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Laura M. Everhart is prosecuting the case for the United States.

All defendants are presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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